THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Freedom fighters getting pension

2505. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of freedom fighters who are getting Central pension, Statewise;

(b) how many applications are pending for disposal;

(c) by when these applications are likely to be disposed of; and

(d) the total number of widows and dependants of freedom fighters who are getting pension after the death of the freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As on 31st December, 1988, pension has been sanctioned to 1,46,934 freedom fighters and their dependants. State-wise position is annexed, as Statement (See below).

(b) As on 31st December, 1988, 932 cases are pending for disposal.

(c) No time limit can be fixed for this purpose. Out of 932 pending cases, in 222 cases verification report from the respective State Governments is necessary. 710 cases are to be scrutinised by Arya Samaj Committee. They will be disposed of as soon as reports are made available.

(d) Category-wise record has not been maintained.

Statement

Number of sanctioned cases under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme (As on 31st Dec., 1988)

Name of the State Govt./UT. Admn.	No. of sanctioned cases
Andhra Pradesh	9195
Assam	4130
Bihar	22460
Gujarat	3473
Goa	766
Haryana	1447
Arunachal Pr.	2
Himachal Pr.	460
J&K	1652
Karnataka	9952
Kerala	2595
Maharashtra	16067
Manipur	62
Madhya Pr.	3225
Meghalaya	78
Mizoram	3
Nagaland	3
Orissa	3826
Punjab	6531
Rajasthan	713
Tamil Nadu	3885
Tripura	711
Uttar Pradesh	17424
West Bengal	16605
INA Personnel	19307
Union Territories	
A&N Islands	38
Chandigarh	84
Delhi	1905
Pondicherry	285
TOTAL	1,46,934

Selection of security-sepoys in Secretariat Security Force

2506. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some

Members of Parliament have made complaints against manipulations in recent selection of Security-Sepoys in the Secretariat Security Force, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the authorities concerned to cross-check the results of all the candidates who were ranked highest and what steps have been taken for those candidates who have proved their best performance but have deliberately been ignored for one or the other reason; and

(c) what are the suggestions which some Members of Parliament have given for proper scrutiny of all the candidates who have been sponsored through Employment Exchanges and what action has been taken by the authorities concerned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The selection of candidates was done in accordance with the provisions of Recruitment Rules prescribed for the post, by a broad-based Selection Board headed by a Senior Officer from one of the Central Police Organisations. No specific instance of alleged manipulation has come to light in this regard.

Lift irrigation potential of Madhya Pradesh

2507. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total lift irrigation potential in Madhya Pradesh and how much has been exploited upto March, 1989;

(b) what efforts are being made to harness the balance lift irrigation potential in the State and whether the Central Government will provide additional funds to Madhya Pradesh to harness the balance potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Ultimate Minor Irrigation Potential, including lift irrigation schemes of Madhya Pradesh is 42 lakh ha. out of which 24.61 lakh ha. is likely to be created by March, 1989.

(b) To accelerate the pace of development of Minor Irrigation, Central Government provides assistance to States including Madhya Pradesh through Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Under Special Food Grain Production Programme Rs. 450 lakhs have been released as 50 per cent matching central assistance to Government of Madhya Pradesh for the construction of 30,000 Shallow tubewells/dug wells in 1988-89.

Recommendations of the conference on environment held at New Delhi

2508. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 150 scientists and environmentalists from all over the country attended a three day Conference held in February, 1989 in Delhi.

(b) whether this was the first Conference of its kind held in India;

(c) what were the main recommendations made in regard to the environment in the country at present; and

(d) how many suggestions and recommendations made in the conference have been considered and approved by Government for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Nearly 150 scientists and environmentalists from within